

**Meeting Summary
East Kaua`i Development Plan 2030
CAC Meeting No. 7**

Date: January 30, 2007

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting Room 2A & 2B

1. **Welcome:** Nadine Nakamura welcomed member of the East Kaua`i Development Plan CAC and members of the public. She described the three meeting objectives.
 - To learn about DHHL Wailua and Anahola developments
 - To learn about the DLNR Wailua Reservoir Education Center
 - To summarize focus group meetings
2. **Introductions:** For the benefit of the guest speakers, CAC members and the public were asked to introduce themselves and the organization they represent.
3. **November 15 and 29, 2006 Meeting Summaries (CAC Meetings No. 5 & 6):** There were no recommended changes to the meeting summaries.
4. **Guest Speakers:** The following speakers described their agency functions and plans:
 - Mr. Wade Ishikawa, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Parks – Wailua Reservoir Education Center
 - Mr. Darrell Yagodich and Ms. Julie-Ann Cachola, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands – DHHL Anahola & Wailua developments
5. **DLNR Wailua Environmental Education Center - Wade Ishikawa**
 - The Wailua Environmental Education Center will be operated by the Hawai`i Nature Center and will be located along the reservoir border.
 - There will be recreational opportunities such as hunting, hiking, fishing, and camping on State lands.
 - Wailua Reservoir is expected to be a joint public fishing area (blue gills, large mouth bass, sunfish, tilapia) and waterbird sanctuary. Sanctuary portion will be restricted to the public fishing.
 - DLNR is partnering with Kapaa High School so that students can assist in managing Wailua Reservoir resources. They are learning about data

collection, food chain, and ecology. DLNR is working with the school to re-stock blue gills.

- Mr. Yuen, principal at Kapa`a High School is supportive of the partnership to advance “community pride”. In the future, the school would like to have an on-site classroom near the reservoir. All data is collected on-site and transmitted electronically to the school for analysis. Data will then be evaluated against the goals and objectives of the partnership.
- The State has entered into an agreement with East Kaua`i Water User Cooperative (EKWUC) to operate the reservoir. The EKWUC doesn’t deny or promote access to the reservoir.
- There is a need for an educational center to serve East and North Kaua`i communities. The Department of Education runs an education center in Koke`e. The distance to Koke`e from outlying areas limits the number of students who can access the facility.
- DLNR estimates that about 1,300 cars drive to the arboretum on any given weekend.
- Q: What is the reservoir condition?
A: The reservoir was inspected after the Kaloko reservoir incident. Unsure what the final report is. Internal combustion engines will not be allowed in the reservoir, only float tubes and kayaks will be allowed.
- The education center concessionaire will develop vehicular access as part of the agreement.
- Q: Will there be admission fees?
A: Hawaii Nature Center charges the students that attend the education center, but they will not be allowed to charge admission to the park.
- Q: Will commercial activities be allowed?
A: Unsure. This needs to be worked out.
- Forestry and Wildlife has designated this area in their Na Ala Hele trails for commercial activities. Hiking and horseback tours are charged a fee, which is used to repair and maintain trails.
- Q: How far will it be from the gate to the parking lot?

A: This has yet to be decided. Parking and building must be designed to meet accessibility requirements.

- Rules for fishing, bag limits, licensing are on the Governor's desk for review and approval.
- Q: Is the State aware of agent orange storage in this area?
A: Agent orange testing took place. The area has been cleaned, tested, and cleared of all hazardous chemicals.

6. **Department of Hawaiian Home Lands - Darrell Yagodich, Julie Ann Cachola, and Roland Licona**

A summary of the DHHL presentation is found in **Attachment A**.

- DHHL commission may be holding a meeting on Kaua'i in April 2007.
- Per Thomas Noyes, people were attacking the bike path out of frustration towards DHHL. Julie concurred with this assessment.
- Q: Have the new residences in Anahola been awarded?
A: Yes.
- Q: Do Kaua'i residents have a priority for Kaua'i projects?
A: No. Priority is based on established waiting list.
- Q: What percentage of families with awards are from Hawaii?
A: Per Roland, there is a range of individuals on the DHHL waiting list. There is a high percentage of qualified Hawaiians who reside on the mainland. Many from the mainland do not want to relocate, but may offer the opportunity to family currently residing on Kaua'i. Approximately 25% are immediate family and 50% are extended family.
- Q: What percentage of families with awards actually live on Kaua'i?
A: Per Roland, about 80% of the 1500 applications/awards.
- Q: What happens after 5 to 10 years if a homesteader wants to get out?
A: There are different ways to transfer an award to another family member (25% blood quantum requirement for applicant's children), or surrender back to DHHL. DHHL will appraise the home and cash out the homesteader. Lessee can own property elsewhere as long as they reside in the DHHL home. There is

legislation being proposed this year to curtail speculation of DHHL homesteaders and require that lessees reside in their house.

7. **Focus Group Summaries:** Nadine presented an overview of the four Focus Groups including Recreation, Commercial, Industrial and Housing, and Agricultural Resources. CAC comments are as follows:

A. Recreation

- Need to add Tomas Noyes to the attendance list for the December 4, 2006 meeting

B. Commercial

- Bobby - Community center would look better than a commercial center

C. Industrial and Housing

- See Meeting Summary, Page 1 of 4, Item 2, 5th Bullet. Need to correct spelling of Arzidon Industrial Park.
- Q: Why are we looking to increase rental housing when there seems to be such a high percentage already in East Kaua`i?
A: We should research state-level ownership rates. Follow-up with Ken Rainforth
- There is not enough entry level affordable housing inventory.
- Q: Page 3, Table 3 –Are all these projects approved and expected to happen?
A: Nadine explained the definitions for short-, mid-, and long-term proposals
- Concern about increasing density in Kapa`a and Wailua homesteads. Would rather limit development in this area. (This is the next step that will be discussed during the analysis of growth alternatives).
- Growth should be evaluated in districts island-wide issue. Nadine replied that we will present island-wide vs. district-wide assumptions which will drive the alternatives discussion.

D. Agriculture

- Attachment A (Page 3 of 4)
Item 2 Maintain water systems – need to add watershed
Item 3A – need to add “farmer”
Item 3B – need to add “youth and college”

8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm or longer, at the Planning Commission Room 2A and 2B. (This meeting was later postponed.)

Recorded by:
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